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Title: Stereo Microscope
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Examiner: Thong Nguyen
Group Art Unit: 2872

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents:

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

This amendment is a supplement to the amendment filed Jan 13, 2005.

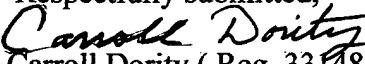
The inventor Dr. Paul Piontkowski and his Agent Carroll Dority would like to thank Examiner Nguyen for his constructive suggestions and the courteous manner in which the interview on Jan. 19, 2005 was conducted. At the interview, Examiner Nguyen indicated that unless further pertinent art comes to surface, claims 1-12 and 15-24 would be allowable.

Most of the interview of Jan. 19, 2005 revolved around claim 25 as presented in the amendment filed Jan. 13, 2005. Dr. Piontkowski and Mr. Dority were of the opinion that the prior art did not disclose a microscope having an internal mount having a base section with two oculars, a prism assembly adjacent each ocular and a lens magnification changer having two series of bores all located on the base section and an upper shell removably connected to the internal mount by fastening means. The Examiner did not display any prior art showing this combination but believed it to be obvious.

Claim 25, as currently amended, now has even more limiting features than claim 12 (indicated as being allowable). Claim 25 has been amended to state that the microscope includes a hollow elongated body in which the internal mount is located and that an

objective lens is located in an end of the hollow elongated body and one or more light emitting diodes are located in the hollow elongated body adjacent the objective lens. This combination of features is also not taught by the prior art.

For the reasons as set forth above and in the amendment filed Jan. 13, 2005, it is believed that the claims are allowable and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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